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SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG ASSOCIATES, OTHERS RELEASED
- IN BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY AMNESTY
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1. (U) A GROUP OF 46 POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING ONE OF KIM DAE JUNG'S (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) CO-DEFENDANTS, KIM'S BROTHER AND SON, FOUR OTHER CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF KIM, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER WELL-KNOWN FIGURES INCLUDING THREE JOURNALISTS AND AN ACTIVIST LAWYER, WERE GRANTED THEIR FREEDOM IN A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY MAY 11. A TOTAL OF 65 POLITICAL OFFENDERS BENEFITTED IN THE AMNESTY; IN ADDITION TO THE 46 RELEASED, 11 OTHERS HAD SUSPENDED OR NON-EXECUTED PRISON SENTENCES CANCELLED, AND EIGHT MORE HAD THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORED. THE AMNESTY, IN HONOR OF BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY, ALSO FREED 470 ORDINARY CONVICTS. THE 65 POLITICAL OFFENDERS AMNESTIED

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HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF MARTIAL LAW VIOLATIONS AND OF SEDITION. THEIR CONVICTIONS HAD BEEN UPHELD BY THE SUPREME COURT ON APRIL 14.
2. (C) NAMES: THOSE RELEASED (ALL NAMES M-R):
- A) PASTOR YI HAE-TONG, ONE OF KIM DAE JUNG'S CO-DEFENDANTS. YI HAD BEEN IN JAIL SINCE MAY 1980, ON A ONE-YEAR SENTENCE.
- B) ATTORNEY HAN SUNG-HON, FORMER STAFF DIRECTOR OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL KOREA. ARRESTED MAY 1980, SERVING 3 YEARS FOR MARTIAL LAW VIOLATION.
- C) OTHER KIM DAE JUNG ASSOCIATES, ALL SERVING BETWEEN 18 MONTHS AND 3 YEARS FOR HOLDING ILLEGAL MEETINGS (REF A): PAK SONG-CH'OL, KIM'S BODYGUARD; KIM HONG-IL, KIM'S SON; KIM TAE-HYON, KIM'S BROTHER; KWON

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